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## Requesting Prior Authorization

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### Complete the ProviderOne Authorization Intake Process

#### This Guide Is Designed to Prepare You to:

- Locate the General Information for Authorization form, HCA 13-835
- Fill out the Authorization Form with the Required Information
- Navigate ProviderOne Paper and Fax Intake Process
- Check on the Status of an Authorization Request
- Submit Additional Supporting Documentation with the Agency Cover Sheets When Needed



**Note:** This chapter does not apply to pharmacy authorization, Long Term Acute Care (LTAC), or Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) admissions.

#### Why Requesting Prior Authorization Is an Important Activity?

Some Medicaid-covered procedures require Prior Authorization. If providers need to determine if the service requires authorization, review the [“Client Eligibility, Benefit Packages, and Coverage Limits”](#) chapter of the ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide. This chapter will discuss how to submit an authorization request. Submitting the request according to the Agency’s guidelines will help expedite the authorization process.



**Note:** Authorization for services does not guarantee payment. Providers must meet administrative requirements (e.g. client eligibility, claim timelines, third-party insurance, etc.) before the Agency pays for services.

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## **Disclaimer**

A contract, known as the Core Provider Agreement, governs the relationship between the Agency and Medical Assistance providers. The Core Provider Agreement's terms and conditions incorporate federal laws, rules and regulations, state law, Agency rules and regulations, and Agency program policies, numbered memoranda, and billing instructions, including this Guide. Providers must submit a claim in accordance with the Agency rules, policies, numbered memoranda, and billing instructions in effect at the time they provided the service.

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## The Key Steps

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- 1. Complete Authorization Form 13-835**
- 2. Submit Authorization Request to the Agency with required back-up**
- 3. Check the Status of a Request**
- 4. Send in Additional Documentation if Requested by the Agency**



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Type in the required fields before printing the form. The table below describes what information should be placed in each field. This table is also located online after the authorization form.

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1	Org (Required)	Enter the Number that Matches the Program/Unit for the Request  Enter the Number that Matches the Program/Unit for the Request 501 - Dental 502 - Durable Medical Equipment (DME) 504 - Home Health 505 - Hospice 506 - Inpatient Hospital 508 - Medical 509 - Medical Nutrition 511 - Outpt Proc/Diag 513 - Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM & R) 514 - Aging and Disability Services Administration (ADSA) 518 – LTAC 519 – Respiratory 521 – Maternity Support																																																																												
2	Service Type (Required)	Enter the letter(s) in all CAPS that represent the service type you are requesting. If you selected “501 — <b>Dental</b> ” for field #1, please select one of the following codes for this field:  <table><tr><td>ASC</td><td>for ASC</td><td>OUTP</td><td>for Out-Patient</td></tr><tr><td>CWN</td><td>for Crowns</td><td>PSM</td><td>for Perio-Scaling/Maintenance</td></tr><tr><td>DEN</td><td>for Dentures</td><td>PTL</td><td>for Partial</td></tr><tr><td>DP</td><td>for Denture/Partial</td><td>RBS</td><td>for Rebases</td></tr><tr><td>ERSO</td><td>for ERSO-PA</td><td>RLNS</td><td>for Relines</td></tr><tr><td>IP</td><td>for In-Patient</td><td>MISC</td><td>for Miscellaneous</td></tr><tr><td>ODC</td><td>for Orthodontic</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>  If you selected “502 – <b>Durable Medical Equipment (DME)</b> ” for field #1, please select one of the following codes for this field:  <table><tr><td>AA</td><td>for Ambulatory Aids</td><td>OS</td><td>for Orthopedic Shoes</td></tr><tr><td>BB</td><td>for Bath Bench</td><td>OTC</td><td>for Orthotics</td></tr><tr><td>BEM</td><td>for Bath Equipment (misc.)</td><td>OP</td><td>for Ostomy Products</td></tr><tr><td>BGS</td><td>for Bone Growth Stimulator</td><td>ODME</td><td>for Other DME</td></tr><tr><td>BP</td><td>for Breast Pump</td><td>OTRR</td><td>for Other Repairs</td></tr><tr><td>C</td><td>for Commode</td><td>PL</td><td>for Patient Lifts</td></tr><tr><td>CG</td><td>for Compression Garments</td><td>PWH</td><td>for Power Wheelchairs</td></tr><tr><td>CSC</td><td>for Commode/Shower Chair</td><td>Home</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>DTS</td><td>for Diabetic Testing Supplies (See Pharmacy Billing Instructions for POS Billing)</td><td>PWNF</td><td>for Power Wheelchairs</td></tr><tr><td>ERSO</td><td>for ERSO-PA</td><td>PWR</td><td>for Power Wheelchair Repair</td></tr><tr><td>FSFS</td><td>for Floor Sitter/Feeder Seat</td><td>PRS</td><td>for Prone Standers</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>PROS</td><td>for Prosthetics</td></tr></table>	ASC	for ASC	OUTP	for Out-Patient	CWN	for Crowns	PSM	for Perio-Scaling/Maintenance	DEN	for Dentures	PTL	for Partial	DP	for Denture/Partial	RBS	for Rebases	ERSO	for ERSO-PA	RLNS	for Relines	IP	for In-Patient	MISC	for Miscellaneous	ODC	for Orthodontic			AA	for Ambulatory Aids	OS	for Orthopedic Shoes	BB	for Bath Bench	OTC	for Orthotics	BEM	for Bath Equipment (misc.)	OP	for Ostomy Products	BGS	for Bone Growth Stimulator	ODME	for Other DME	BP	for Breast Pump	OTRR	for Other Repairs	C	for Commode	PL	for Patient Lifts	CG	for Compression Garments	PWH	for Power Wheelchairs	CSC	for Commode/Shower Chair	Home		DTS	for Diabetic Testing Supplies (See Pharmacy Billing Instructions for POS Billing)	PWNF	for Power Wheelchairs	ERSO	for ERSO-PA	PWR	for Power Wheelchair Repair	FSFS	for Floor Sitter/Feeder Seat	PRS	for Prone Standers			PROS	for Prosthetics
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		<div> <div> HB for Hospital Beds  HC for Hospital Cribs  IS for Incontinent Supplies  MWH for Manual Wheelchair - Home  MWNF for Manual Wheelchair – NF  MWR for Manual Wheelchair Repair </div> <div> RE for Room Equipment  SC for Shower Chairs  SBS for Specialty “Beds/Surfaces  SGD for Speech Generating Devices  SF for Standing Frames  STND for Standers  TU for TENS Units  US for Urinary Supplies  WDCS for VAC/Wound - decubiti supplies  MISC for Miscellaneous </div> </div> <hr/> <p>If you selected “504 – <b>Home Health</b>” for field #1, please select one of the following codes for this field:</p> <div> <div>ERSO for ERSO-PA HH for Home Health</div> <div>MISC for Miscellaneous T for Therapies (PT / OT / ST)</div> </div> <hr/> <p>If you selected “505 – <b>Hospice</b>” for field #1, please select one of the following codes for this field:</p> <div> <div>ERSO for ERSO-PA HSPC for Hospice MISC for Miscellaneous</div> </div> <hr/> <p>If you selected “506 – <b>Inpatient Hospital</b>” for field #1, please select one of the following codes for this field:</p> <div> <div>BS for Bariatric Surgery ERSO for ERSO-PA OOS for Out of State O for Other PAS for PAS</div> <div>RM for Readmission S for Surgery TNP for Transplants VNSS for Vagus Nerve Stimulator MISC for Miscellaneous</div> </div> <hr/> <p>If you selected “508 – <b>Medical</b>” for field #1, please select one of the following codes for this field:</p> <div> <div>BSS2 for Bariatric Surgery Stage 2 BTX for Botox CIERP for Cochlear Implant Exterior Replacement Parts CR for Cardiac Rehab ERSO for ERSO-PA HEA for Hearing Aids</div> <div>NP for Neuro-Psych OOS for Out of State PSY for Psychotherapy SYN for Synagis T for Therapies (PT/OT/ST) TX for Transportation V for Vision VST for Vest</div> </div>

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		<p>I for Infusion / Parental Therapy    VT for Vision Therapy  MC for Medications                      MISC for Miscellaneous</p> <hr/> <p>If you selected “509 – <b>Medical Nutrition</b>” for field #1, please select one of the following codes for this field</p> <p>EN     for Enteral Nutrition  MN     for Medical Nutrition  MISC   for Miscellaneous</p> <hr/> <p>If you selected “511 – <b>Outpt Proc/Diag</b>” for field #1, please select one of the following codes for this field:</p> <p>CCTA for Coronary CT                      OOS    for Out of State  Angiogram                                      OTRS   for Other Surgery  CI       for Cochlear Implants              PSCN   for PET Scan  ERSO for ERSO-PA                            O        for Other  GCK    for Gamma/Cyber                    S        for Surgery  Knife    SCAN for Radiology  GT     for Genetic Testing                    MISC   for Miscellaneous  HO     for Hyperbaric Oxygen  MRI    for MRI</p> <hr/> <p>If you selected “513 – <b>Physical Medicine &amp; Rehabilitation (PM &amp; R)</b>” for field #1, please select one of the following codes for this field:</p> <p>ERSO    for ERSO-PA  PMR     for PM and R  MISC    for Miscellaneous</p> <p>If you selected “514 – <b>Aging and Disability Services Administration (ADSA)</b>” for field #1, please select one of the following codes for this field:</p> <p>PDN    for Private Duty Nursing  MISC    for Miscellaneous</p> <hr/> <p>If you selected “518 – <b>LTAC</b>” for field #1, please select one of the following codes for this field:</p> <p>ERSO    for ERSO-PA  LTAC    for LTAC  O        for Other</p>

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		<p>If you selected “519 – <b>Respiratory</b>” for field #1, please select one of the following codes for this field:</p> <table><tr><td>CPAP for CPAP/BiPAP</td><td>OXY for Oxygen</td></tr><tr><td>ERSO for ERSO-PA</td><td>SUP for Supplies</td></tr><tr><td>NEB for Nebulizer</td><td>VENT for Vent</td></tr><tr><td>OXM for Oximeter</td><td>O for Other</td></tr></table>	CPAP for CPAP/BiPAP	OXY for Oxygen	ERSO for ERSO-PA	SUP for Supplies	NEB for Nebulizer	VENT for Vent	OXM for Oximeter	O for Other
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3	Name <b>(Required)</b>	Enter the last name, first name, and middle initial of the client you are requesting authorization for.								
4	Client ID <b>(Required)</b>	<p>Enter the client ID = 9 numbers followed by WA. For Prior Authorization (PA) requests when the client ID is unknown (e.g. client eligibility pending):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Contact the Agency at 1-800-562-3022 and the appropriate extension of the Authorization Unit (See <a href="#">contact section</a> for further instructions).</li><li>▪ A reference PA will be built with a placeholder client ID.</li><li>▪ If the PA is approved – once the client ID is known – contact the Agency either by fax or phone with the Client ID.</li></ul> <p>The PA will be updated and you will be able to bill the services approved.</p>								
5	Living Arrangements	Indicate where your patient resides such as, home, group home, assisted living, skilled nursing facility, etc.								
6	Reference Auth #	If requesting a change or extension to an existing authorization, please indicate the number in this field.								
7	Requesting NPI # <b>(Required)</b>	The 10 digit numeric number that has been assigned to the requesting provider by CMS.								
8	Requesting Fax#	The fax number of the requesting provider.								
9	Billing NPI # <b>(Required)</b>	The 10 digit numeric number that has been assigned to the billing provider by CMS.								
10	Name	The name of the billing/servicing provider.								
11	Referring NPI #	The 10 digit numeric number that has been assigned to the referring provider by CMS.								
12	Referring Fax #	The fax number of the referring provider.								
13	Service Start Date	The date the service is planned to be started if known.								
15	Description of service being requested <b>(Required)</b>	A short description of the service you are requesting (examples, manual wheelchair, eyeglasses, hearing aid).								
18	Serial/NEA or Medical Electronic Attachment (MEA) # <b>(Required for all DME repairs)</b>	Enter the serial number of the equipment you are requesting repairs or modifications to or the NEA/MEA# to access the x-rays for this request.								
20	Code Qualifier <b>(Required)</b>	<p>Enter the letter corresponding to the code from below:</p> <p>T - CDT Proc Code C - CPT Proc Code D - DRG P - HCPCS Proc Code I - ICD-9/10 Proc Code R - Rev Code N - NDC-National Drug Code</p>								



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		S - ICD-9/10 Diagnosis Code																								
21	National Code <b>(Required)</b>	Enter each service code of the item for which you are requesting authorization that correlates to the Code Qualifier entered.																								
22	Modifier	When appropriate enter a modifier.																								
23	# Units/Days Requested: <b>(Units or \$ required).</b>	Enter the number of units or days being requested for items that have a set allowable. (Refer to the program specific <a href="#">Medicaid Provider Guide</a> for the appropriate unit/day designation for the service code entered).																								
24	\$ Amount Requested: <b>(Units or \$ required)</b>	Enter the dollar amount being requested for those service codes that do not have a set allowable. (Refer to the program specific <a href="#">Medicaid Provider Guide</a> and <a href="#">fee schedules</a> for assistance). Must be entered in dollars and cents with a decimal (e.g. \$400 should be entered as 400.00).																								
25	Part # (DME only) <b>(Required for all codes requested)</b>	Enter the manufacturer part # of the item requested.																								
26	Tooth or Quad # <b>(Required for dental requests)</b>	Enter the tooth or quad number as listed below: QUAD 00 – full mouth 01 – upper arch 02 – lower arch 10 – upper right quadrant 20 – upper left quadrant 30 – lower left quadrant 40 – lower right quadrant  Tooth # 1-32, A-T, AS-TS, and 51-82																								
27	Diagnosis Code	Enter appropriate diagnosis code for condition.																								
28	Diagnosis name	Short description of the diagnosis.																								
29	Place of Service	Enter the appropriate two digit place of service code. CMS maintains the POS code set. To see the code set and definitions go to:  <a href="http://www.wpc-edi.com/reference/">http://www.wpc-edi.com/reference/</a>																								
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		15 Mobile Unit
		20 Urgent Care Facility
		21 Inpatient Hospital
		22 Outpatient Hospital
		23 Emergency Room – Hospital
		24 Ambulatory Surgical Center
		25 Birthing Center
		26 Military Treatment Facility
		31 Skilled Nursing Facility
		32 Nursing Facility
		33 Custodial Care Facility
		34 Hospice
		41 Ambulance - Land
		42 Ambulance – Air or Water
		49 Independent Clinic
		50 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
		51 Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
		52 Psychiatric Facility-Partial Hospitalization
		53 Community Mental Health Center
		54 Intermediate Care Facility (ICF/MR)
		55 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility
		56 Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center
		57 Non-residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility
		60 Mass Immunization Center
		61 Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
		62 Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
		65 End-Stage Renal Disease Treatment Facility
		71 Public Health Clinic
		72 Rural Health Clinic (RHC)
		81 Independent Laboratory
		99 Other Place of Service
<b>30</b>	Comments	Enter any free form information you consider necessary.

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- A confirmation fax will be sent to the provider if the fax number can be identified by caller ID. The receiving fax must recognize the number that the fax has been sent from.
- Please do not use a cover sheet when faxing an authorization request. The Authorization Request Form must be the first page of the fax.
- If faxing multiple requests, they must be faxed one at a time.
- Refer to the program-specific [Medicaid Provider Guide](#) for policy-related questions.
- Frequently asked questions, helpful hints, and instructions for completing the authorization request form for our most common service types can be located at: <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/Authorization/>. This website contains examples of how to fill out the authorization form for specific provider types.
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### Pitfalls

- **Hand writing the authorization request form. Forms that are handwritten will be returned to providers.**
- **Using NPI that is not on the Agency provider file. Providers can confirm the are correct NPI is used by checking step 1 in the ProviderOne provider file. Please see the [ProviderOne Provider System User Manual](#) for more information about checking the provider file**
- **Using NPI for servicing/rendering/treating provider in field instead of “pay to provider”.**

Key Step

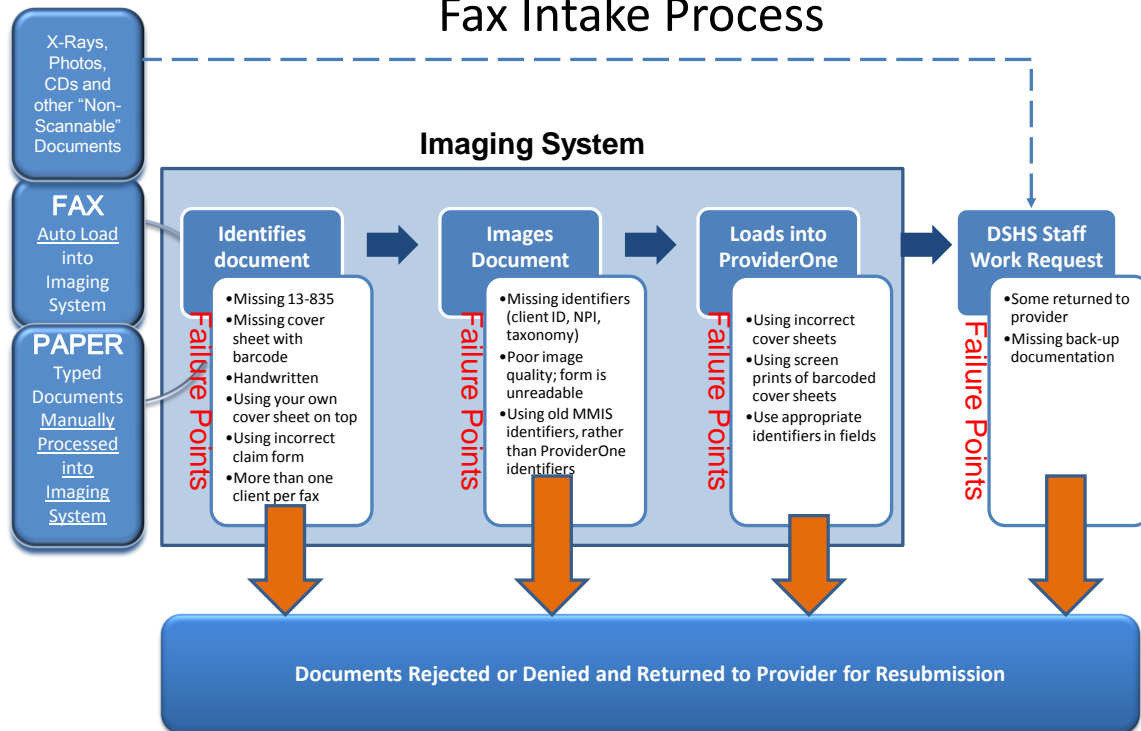
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## Submit Authorization Request to the Agency with Required Back-up

### Why

ProviderOne uses scanning technology that converts documents received via fax or paper into electronic files. Make sure the form is submitted correctly to the Agency. This will ensure your request can be processed and loaded into ProviderOne. The technology works as outlined below:

### ProviderOne Paper and Fax Intake Process



### How

#### Prepare authorization package

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**By Fax**

Prior authorization requests can be faxed to 1-866-668-1214. If these forms are sent correctly they can be processed and loaded into ProviderOne with less human intervention. Please follow these instructions when submitting a request:

- **Place form 13-835 as the first page that will come over the fax.**
- Please do not use your own cover sheets. The first page that comes over the fax must be the HCA form 13-835.
- Set to size 8 ½ x 11 and photo quality.
- Fax each request to the Agency individually. This means pausing between each fax. If you fax multiple requests to the Agency at once, ProviderOne will group them as a single request.

**By Mail**

Prior Authorization requests can be mailed to:

Authorization Services Office  
PO Box 45535  
Olympia, WA 98504-5535

If sending x-rays, photos, CDs, or other non scannable items, use the the following steps:

- Place the items in a large envelope;
- Attach the PA request form to the **outside** of the envelope;
- Write on the outside of the envelope:
  - Client name
  - Client ProviderOne ID
  - Your NPI
  - Your name
  - Sections the request is for:
    - MEAU (Medical)
    - DME (Durable Medical Equipment)
    - Dental or Ortho
- Then put the envelope in a larger envelope for mailing.

**Another option for submitting photos or x-rays:**

**Dental**

Providers can submit dental photos or x-rays for Prior Authorization by using the FastLook and FastAttach services provided by National Electronic Attachment, Inc. (NEA). Providers may register with NEA by visiting [www.nea-fast.com](http://www.nea-fast.com) and entering “FastWDSHS” in the promotion code box. Contact NEA at 800-782-5150 ext. 2 with any questions. When this option is chosen, fax requests to the Agency and indicate the NEA# in the NEA field on the PA Request Form. *There is an associated cost, which will be explained by the NEA services.*

**Medical and DME:**

Providers can also submit photos or x-rays by using the FastLook™ and FastAttach™ services provided by Medical Electronic Attachment, Inc. (MEA). Providers may register with MEA by visiting <http://www.mea-fast.com/> and entering “FastWDSHS” in the blue promotion code box. Contact MEA at 1-888-329-9988, ext. 2, with any questions.

When this option is chosen, fax requests to the Agency and indicate the MEA# in the NEA field (box 18) on the PA Request Form. *There is an associated cost, which will be explained by the MEA services.*

**Note:** The Agency is working on a process for using a similar mechanism for medical photos.

### Pitfalls

- Using a cover sheet when faxing HCA form 13-835 to the Agency. The first page of the fax must be the Agency's authorization request form.
- Using automated outbound fax technology that has altered the size of the paper from 8 ½ x 11.
- Not having date stamp information up to date on your fax machine.
- Not setting your fax machine to photo quality images.
- Not putting x-rays, photos CDs in a separate envelope and not adding the required information on the outside of the inside envelope. The requests get returned to the provider if they are not submitted correctly.

## Key Step

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## Check the Status of a Request

### Why

While waiting for the authorization request to process, providers can check the status using the IVR or ProviderOne.

### How

Two preferred methods to check an authorization status request include:

#### Using the IVR

A provider will need the NPI used when preparing the authorization request form, the ProviderOne Client ID, and date of birth to use the IVR. The IVR will provide the authorization number as well as the status information. Please see [Appendix A](#) for details on using the IVR to check authorization status.

#### Using ProviderOne

Select “Provider Authorization Inquiry” from the provider home page.


Search by one of the following options:

- Prior Authorization Number; or
- Provider NPI AND Client ID; or
- Provider NPI, Client Last Name, Client First Name, AND Client Date of Birth

The screenshot shows a web form titled "PA Inquire:". At the top, there are "Close" and "Submit" buttons. Below the title, a message states: "To submit a Prior Authorization Inquiry, complete one of the following criteria sets and click 'Submit'." This is followed by a bulleted list of three options: "Prior Authorization Number; or", "Provider NPI AND Client ID; or", and "Provider NPI, Client Last Name, Client First Name, AND Client Date of Birth". Below this list, a note says: "For additional information, please contact our Customer Service Center (WA State DSHS Provider Relations) (800) 562-3022". The form then contains several input fields: "Prior Authorization Number:", "Provider NPI:", "Client ID:", "Client Last Name:", "Client First Name:", and "Client Date of Birth:". Each label is followed by a text input box.

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If the system finds an authorization request, it will return the authorization request status.

PA Utilization:																	
Authorization #: 870000004 Client ID: 99999999WA Service: Miscellaneous Request Date: 12/23/2010 Service Start Date: 1/1/2011 Requestor ID: 8888888897										Authorization Status: Approved  Client Name: Organization: PA - DENTAL Last Updated Date: 8/17/2011 Service End Date: 9/30/2011 Requestor Name: Place Holder PA Provider							
Line # ▲ ▼	Modified Date ▲ ▼	Servicing Provider ID ▲ ▼	Code ▲ ▼	Claim Type ▲ ▼	Modifier1 ▲ ▼	ToothIllum ▲ ▼	ToothSurf ▲ ▼	Quad ▲ ▼	From Date ▲ ▼	To Date ▲ ▼	Request Amount ▲ ▼	Request Units ▲ ▼	Auth Amount ▲ ▼	Auth Units ▲ ▼	Used Amount ▲ ▼	Used Units ▲ ▼	Status ▲ ▼
1	08/17/2011	8888888897	D0120	K-Dental Claim					01/01/2011	09/30/2011	0	99999	0	1	0	0	Approved

The following Authorization statuses may be returned:

Requested	This means the authorization has been requested and received.
In Review	This means the authorization is currently being reviewed.
Cancelled	This means the authorization request has been cancelled.
Pended	This means we have requested additional information from the provider in order to make a decision on the request.
Referred	This means the request has been forwarded to a second level reviewer.
Approved/Hold	This means the request has been approved, but additional information is necessary before the authorization will be released for billing.
Approved/Denied	This means the request has been partially approved and some services have been denied.
Rejected	This means the request was returned to the provider as incomplete.
Approved	This means the Agency has approved the request.
Denied	This means the Agency has denied the request.

## Pitfalls

- **Calling the Medical Assistance Customer Service Center and waiting on hold to talk with an agent to check the status of an authorization request. Providers can check the status without having to talk with a customer service representative.**



## Key Step

## 4

## Send in Additional Documentation if Requested by the Agency

### Why

Once the Agency receives an authorization request, it will proceed through the review process. The Agency may request additional information in order to process the request.

### How

If providers are mailing/faxing supporting documentation, or responding to a request from the Agency for additional information, an Agency cover sheet printout is needed. These cover sheets are needed when faxing or mailing in back-up documentation to an existing authorization request. Cover Sheets can be located at:

[http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/download/document\\_submission\\_cover\\_sheets.html](http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/download/document_submission_cover_sheets.html).

There are many cover sheets that can be used for different tasks available on this website. Providers will want to use the “PA Pend Forms” cover sheet for submitting additional information to an existing authorization request. Providers will need to know the authorization number in order to use this cover sheet.

After selecting this form, providers will be asked to fill in the PA ID. This is the 9-digit authorization number to key in that box. Do not copy and paste the PA number into this field. Once the PA ID is keyed in the box, a barcode will be generated by hitting the “enter” key. This bar code allows our scanner to read the number, similar to the grocery store when an item is scanned and the description and price appear on the screen of the register. Then just print the completed form, attach it to the supporting documentation, and submit either via fax (1-866-668-1214) or mail (PO Box 45535, Olympia, WA 98504-5535).

Here is an example of the PA cover sheet. You can see the authorization number entered created a complete barcode:

The screenshot shows a web form titled "ProviderOne PA Pend Forms Submission Cover Sheet". At the top, there are four thick black horizontal bars. Below these, the title "ProviderOne" is centered, followed by "PA Pend Forms Submission Cover Sheet". On the left, the label "Authorization Reference #" is next to a text input field containing "123456789". Below the input field, a note in parentheses says "(Please enter 9 digit numeric value.)". To the right of the input field is a large barcode. A red arrow points from the right side of the form towards the barcode. Below the barcode are two buttons: "Print Cover Sheet" and "Clear Fields". Below these buttons, a line of text reads "Instructions will not appear on the printed coversheet". At the bottom left, under the heading "INSTRUCTIONS:", it says "Click ENTER on your keyboard after typing the number in above." On the far right of the form, there are four thick black vertical bars.

### **Cover Sheet Tips**

- Hit the enter key after typing in the complete authorization number so the barcode is created (arrow). Cover sheets without completed barcodes will be returned.
- Providers must submit a separate cover sheet for each authorization request when submitting back-up documentation.
- If faxing multiple documents, each cover sheet and documentation set must be faxed individually. If providers fax multiple requests to the Agency at once, ProviderOne will group them as a single request and all attachments will be attached to the electronic record for the authorization identified on the first cover sheet.
- If mailing, multiple sets of documentation can be mailed in a single envelope.
- Providers can save the link to the cover sheets as a "Favorite," but always get them real-time from our Web site to make sure they are using the correct version. **Do not save these to the computer desktop and re-use them.**
- Do not use a cover sheet when submitting an original prior authorization form.
- If a provider is creating multiple cover sheets on the same "template", be sure to click "Clear Fields" before entering the next authorization number.

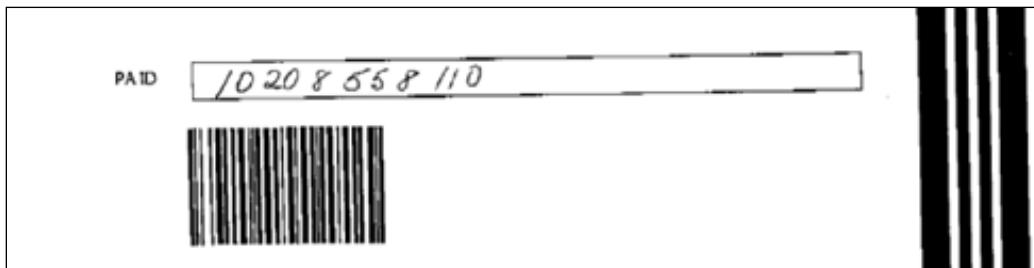
### **Examples of Non Scannable Cover Sheets**

It is important that our new scanning technology be able to read the barcode on the cover sheet. If the fax quality is poor, or the barcode is incomplete, it cannot be scanned. It is important to remember that these faxed documents are scanned directly into ProviderOne and are not touched by a staff worker.

Here is an example of a poor quality image. The barcode below cannot be read because there are black dots all over the image. Please set your fax to “photo quality image” to improve the image quality:



This is an example of a handwritten cover sheet. The barcode is incomplete and ProviderOne will not be able to read this cover sheet and attach the submitted documentation to the electronic authorization record:

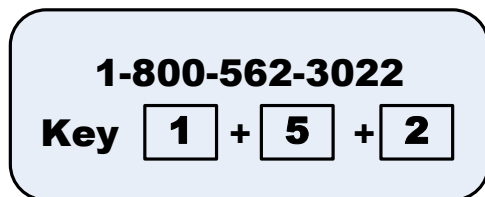


### **Pitfalls**

- **Not completing the barcode.** If providers do not press the “enter” key after typing the PA ID, the barcode will not be created.
- **Using the Client ID instead of the PA ID.** Providers must enter the Prior Authorization number on the cover sheet.
- **Sending a cover sheet that is a poor quality image.** Barcodes must be readable by the scanner.
- **Sending an original authorization request form 13-835 when sending in additional information to attach to an existing authorization record.**

## Appendix A: Use IVR to Check Status of an Authorization

### Shortcut



### What will I hear?

The IVR will play the information only to the provider(s) identified on the authorization.

Search by the DSHS Services Card number and date of birth or by the authorization number.

If multiple authorization numbers are found, narrow the search with an NDC or Service Code as well as an expected date of service.

The types of information available are:

- **Authorization Number**
- Status date
- Status, such as
  - Approved
  - In Review
  - Denied
  - Referred
  - Pending
  - Cancelled

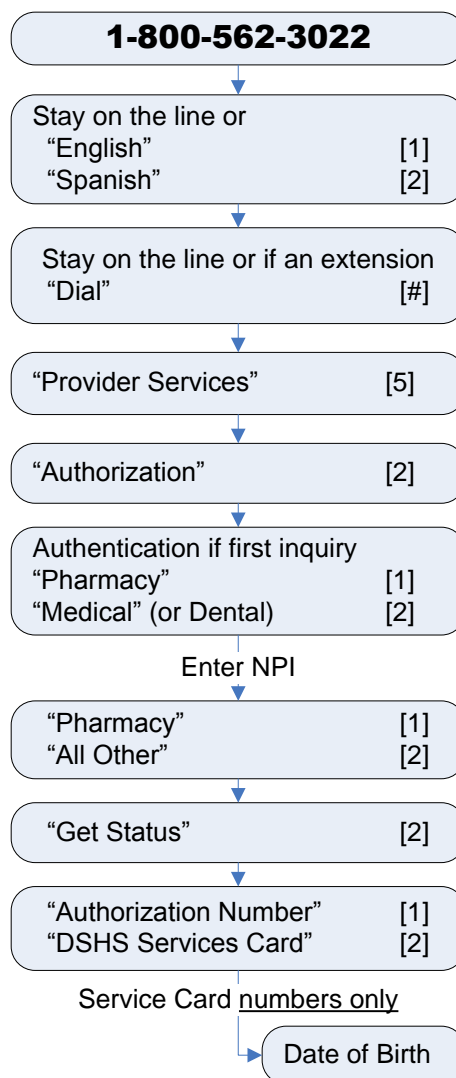
### Helpful Hints

- Do not say the “WA” part of the Services Card.
- Say the numbers only for the Services Code, skip the letters.
- Use your phone’s “mute” option and key choices for the fastest navigation.

### How

The ProviderOne IVR accepts voice responses or **keypad entries**, indicated by brackets [ ]. You can key ahead anytime.

Below is an overview of the prompts, see next page for detailed step-by-step instructions.



## **Detailed Steps for Non-Pharmacy Providers**

**Note:** The quickest navigation is using the keys on your phone

1. Dial 1-800-562-3022, the welcome message will play.
2. **Stay on the line**, don't say anything, the system is sensitive. Or, press 1 to go to the next step faster. The system will then ask about an extension.
3. **Stay on the line**. The main menu will play.
4. **Press 5** or say "Provider". The provider menu will play.
5. **Press 2** or say "Authorization". If this is the first inquiry of the call, the system needs to collect your information. The system will ask what type of provider you are.
6. **Press 2** or say "Medical". If any other type of provider, press 2. The system will ask for your NPI number.
7. **Enter the NPI** or say the NPI numbers individually. For example, if your number was 1023456, say "one", "zero", "two", etc. Do not say, "ten", "twenty-three". Saying the letter "O" is not understood for a zero. The system will then ask for the type of authorization.
8. **Press 2** or say "All Other." The system will ask what you want to do next.
9. **Press 2** or say "Get Status." Saying "submit" or pressing 1 will route the call out of the IVR. The system will next ask how you want to search for the status.
10. **Press 2** or say "DSHS Services Card, or if you have the authorization number, press 1 or say "Authorization number". The system will ask for the numbers.
11. **Enter the numbers**. If using a services card, do not say or try to enter "WA".
  - a. Enter the client's date of birth, for example 03122010.
12. If more than one authorization number is found, **enter the numbers of the service** or procedure code. Do not enter or say any letters.
13. Enter the anticipated or expected date of service.

If there are still multiple authorizations, the system will transfer you to a staff person.

**The system will play the authorization number, the status and date of that status.**